

## VOTING RIGHTS ACT REAUTHORIZATION AND AMENDMENTS ACT

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by a vote of 8 to 3, a structured rule providing 90 minutes of general debate on H.R. 9, Fannie Lou Hamer, Rosa Parks, and Coretta Scott King Voting Rights Act Reauthorization and Amendments Act of 2006, equally divided and controlled by the Majority Leader and the Minority Leader or their designees. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and shall be considered as read. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution. The rule provides that the amendments made in order may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

## OVERSIGHT—WRIGHT AMENDMENT REFORM

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Aviation held an oversight hearing entitled "Reforming the Wright Amendment." Testimony was heard from Representatives Hall, Barton of Texas, Sam Johnson of Texas, Granger, Hensarling and Burgess; Michael Cirillo, Vice President, System Operations, Air Traffic Organization, FAA, Department of Transportation; the following Mayors of Texas: Laura Miller, Dallas; and Mike Moncrief, Fort Worth; and public witnesses.

## REAUTHORIZATION APPALACHIAN REGIONAL COMMISSION—CREATE ADDITIONAL REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITIES

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management held a hearing on the Reauthorization of the Appalachian Regional Commission and proposals to Create Additional Regional Economic Development Authorities. Testimony was heard from Representatives Bass, McHugh and McIntyre; the following officials of the Appalachian Regional Commission: Anne B. Pope, Fed-

eral Co-Chair; and Steve Robertson, Alternate to the States' Co-Chair; and public witnesses.

## VETERANS' MEMORIAL MARKER ACT OF 2006

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 5038, Veterans' Memorial Marker Act of 2006.

## U.S.-PERU TRADE PROMOTION AGREEMENT

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Held a hearing on the implementation of the U.S.-Peru Trade Promotion Agreement. Testimony was heard from Everett Eissenstat, Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for the Americas; and public witnesses.

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## NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D752)

H.R. 889, to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard for fiscal year 2006, to make technical corrections to various laws administered by the Coast Guard. Signed on July 11, 2006. (Public Law 109-241)

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JULY 13, 2006

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations:* business meeting to mark up H.R. 5672, making appropriations for Science, the Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and an original bill making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, 2 p.m., SD-106.

*Committee on Armed Services:* to hold hearings to examine military commissions in light of the Supreme Court decision in *Hamdan v. Rumsfeld*, 10 a.m., SH-216.

*Committee on the Budget:* business meeting to consider the nomination of Stephen S. McMillin, of Texas, to be Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* to hold hearings to examine unmanned aerial systems in Alaska, 2:30 p.m., SD-562.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* to hold hearings to examine H.R. 5254, to set schedules for the consideration of permits for refineries, 10 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Subcommittee on Clean Air, Climate Change, and Nuclear Safety, to hold hearings to examine the Environmental Protection Agency's proposed revisions to the particulate matter air quality standards, 9:30 a.m., SD-628.

*Committee on Finance:* to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Eric Solomon, of New Jersey, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Tax Policy, 10 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings to examine the current situation relative to Iraq, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Stephen S. McMillin, of Texas, to be Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* business meeting to consider the nominations of Neil M. Gorsuch, of Colorado, and Jerome A. Holmes, of Oklahoma, each to be a United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit, Kimberly Ann Moore, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Federal Circuit, Bobby E. Shepherd, of Arkansas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit, Gustavo Antonio Gelpi, to be United States District Judge for the District of Puerto Rico, Daniel Porter Jordan III, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Mississippi, Steven G. Bradbury, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Attorney General, R. Alexander Acosta, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Florida, Martin J. Jackley, to be United States Attorney for the District of South Dakota, and Brett L. Tolman, to be United States Attorney for the District of Utah, S. 2453, to establish procedures for the review of electronic surveillance programs, S. 2455, to provide in statute for the conduct of electronic surveillance of suspected terrorists for the purposes of protecting the American people, the Nation, and its interests from terrorist attack while ensuring that the civil liberties of United States citizens are safeguarded, S. 2468, to provide standing for civil actions for declaratory and injunctive relief to persons who refrain from electronic communications through fear of being subject to warrantless electronic surveillance for foreign intelligence purposes, S. 3001, to ensure that all electronic surveillance of United States persons for foreign intelligence purposes is conducted pursuant to individualized court-issued orders, to streamline the procedures of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978, S. 2831, to guarantee the free flow of information to the public through a free and active press while protecting the right of the public to effective law enforcement and the fair administration of justice, H.R. 1036, to amend title 17, United States Code, to make technical corrections relating to Copyright Royalty Judges, S. 155, to increase and enhance law enforcement resources committed to investigation and prosecution of violent gangs, to deter and punish violent gang crime, to protect law-abiding citizens and communities from violent criminals, to revise and enhance criminal penalties for violent crimes, to reform and facilitate prosecution of juvenile gang members who commit violent crimes, to expand and improve gang prevention programs, S. 2703, to amend the Voting Rights Act of 1965, S. 1845, to amend title 28, United States Code, to provide for the appointment of additional Federal circuit judges, to divide the Ninth Judicial Circuit of the United States into 2 circuits, and S. 2679, to establish an Unsolved Crimes Section in the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice, and an Unsolved Civil Rights Crime Investigative Office in the Civil Rights Unit of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, 9 a.m., SD-226.

Subcommittee on Constitution, Civil Rights and Property Rights, to hold hearings to examine renewing the temporary provisions of the Voting Rights Act relating to legislative options after *LULAC v. Perry*, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine challenges facing the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, focusing on efforts to address the backlog, 10 a.m., SR-418.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* closed business meeting to consider pending intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

*Special Committee on Aging:* to hold hearings to examine Medicaid to retiree benefits, focusing on the impact of seniors on health care costs in the United States, 10 a.m., SD-106.

## House

*Committee on Appropriations,* Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, oversight hearing on Chesapeake Bay, 10 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "Innovative Solutions to Medical Liability," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Government Reform,* hearing entitled "Can You Clear Me Now?: Weighing 'Foreign Influence' Factors in Security Clearance Investigations," 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security,* Subcommittee on Management, Integration, and Oversight, to continue hearings entitled "Federal 9/11 Assistance to New York: Lessons Learned in Fraud Detection, Prevention, and Control," Part 2, "Recovery," 10 a.m. and Part 3, "Rebuilding," 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

*Committee on International Relations,* Subcommittee on International Terrorism and Nonproliferation, hearing on Venezuela: Terrorism Hub of South America? 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on Resources,* Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, oversight hearing on Opportunities for Good Samaritan Cleanup of Hard Rock Abandoned Mine Lands, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health, oversight hearing on Working Ranches, Healthy Range and Maintaining Open Space, focusing on the importance of federal grazing programs and working ranches to the landscape, 11 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on National Parks, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 383, Ice Age Floods National Geologic Trail Designation Act of 2005; H.R. 4581, Easement Owners Fair Compensation Claims Act of 2005; and H.R. 5132, River Raisin National Battlefield Study Act, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Small Business,* Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform and Oversight, hearing entitled "An Update on Administration Action to Reduce Unnecessary Regulatory Burdens on America's Small Manufacturers," 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs,* to mark up H.R. 3082, Veteran-Owned Small Business Promotion Act of 2005, 10:30 a.m., 334 Cannon.

*Committee on Ways and Means,* Subcommittee on Health, hearing on Medicare reimbursement of physician-administered drugs, 1 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures, hearing on issues relating to the patenting of tax advice, 10:30 a.m., B-318 Rayburn.

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence,* executive, briefing on Global Updates/Hotspots, 9 a.m., H-405 Capitol.